

Minutes of the Public Works Committee

October 1, 2015

Chair Dave Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Dave Swan Steve Whittow Kathleen Cummings Robert Kolb
Keith Hammitt Richard Morris (left at 10:06 a.m.)

Committee Member Absent:

Carl Pettis

Others Present:

County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader	Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans
Business Manager Betsy Forrest	Airport Manager Kurt Stanich
Public Works Director Allison Bussler	Tom Dieckelman of Wisconsin Coachlines
Waukesha Metro Transit Director Brian Engelking	Building Operations Manager Shane Waeghe
Freeman Reporter Karen Pilarski	Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz
Senior Fiscal Specialist Rhiannon Cupkie	Programs & Projects Analyst Windy Jicha
Fleet Manager Bob Rauchle	County Board Chair Paul Decker
Waukesha Metro Director of Administration Kari Bloedow	Highway Operations Manager Pete Chladil

Approve Minutes of September 10, 2015

Motion: Hammitt moved, Kolb second, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2015. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

Mader said there will be a public works committee meeting on October 22 to deal with a time sensitive bid for the radio tower project. The committee is still expected to meet on October 15.

Meeting Approval

Motion: Morris moved, Hammitt second, to approve public works committee member attendance at the WCA Ambassador Program CAP Team and Winter Road School. Motion carried 6-0.

Future Meeting Dates

- October 15, 2015
- October 22, 2015
- November 12, 2015

Discuss and Consider the 2016 Operating Budget for Public Works – Transit Services

Bussler, with help from Forrest, Engelking and Bloedow presented the public works – transit services 2016 operating budget.

Cummings argued that an explanation of reduced ridership on route 79 in regards to the zoo interchange project is needed and suggested amending the last line of text on page 329 of the executive budget to read:

****Reduction in 2016 expected due to continuation of zoo interchange project because of additional route time.*

In response to Cumming's question, Engelking explained how the transit fuel clause affects pricing. Five-year transit contracts have a benchmark fuel price. When fuel costs go higher, the county pays more and when fuel

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prices go below the benchmark, the county is given a credit. If the current trend of lower fuel prices continues, the county would expect a \$140K fuel credit next year.

Hammitt asked was there any consideration of suspending route 79 during zoo interchange construction? Bussler said some people are dependent on the bus route and would need to find other means. Customers would be lost if the route was suspended. Engelking said it is difficult, but not impossible, to bring people back to a bus route once they have stopped riding it. Engelking said it is difficult to get users back on buses after routes are suspended. The reduced ridership equation is reflective of the increased route time. Engelking will pursue with Milwaukee County the possibility of curtailing some trips with fewer riders to contain costs. Mader said suspending the route would provide temporary savings, public hearing are required for rate changes. Dieckelman said millennials do not want cars and prefer taking the bus. Swan suggested adjusting route 79 to help riders from Menomonee Falls.

Kolb suggested increasing the cost per ride. Swan said he is an advocate for advertising on buses how much riders pay versus the subsidized amount.

Motion: Morris moved, Whittow second, to approve the 2016 public works - transit operating budget. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider the 2016 Operating Budget for Public Works

Bussler said the public works 2016 tax levy increases \$10K, which is a 0.1% increase from 2015 and then reviewed the public works strategic outcomes and objectives as outlined in the 2016 executive budget.

In response to Swan, Bussler described some of the department's efforts in rewarding employees for good performance. In response to Cummings question and Swan's request, Bussler agreed to provide the committee with five years data for objective 10 on page 330 (*The departments of public works, parks and land use and sheriff's will expand the Huber Workforce Initiative to provide inmates a work alternative to daily incarcerations*).

The committee discussed at length \$70K budgeted in 2016 to recommission health and human services building mechanicals to insure they remain running at top performance. Since the equipment is under warranty, the committee questioned whether the function provides savings in excess of costs.

Correspondence

Morris brought in materials from meetings he attended regarding County Trunk Highway (CTH) VV and intersections with Lilly Road and CTH E.

Morris left at 10:05 a.m.

In response to Swan's question, Bussler explained engineering done in-house may qualify for federal funding. In response to Swan's question, Stanich explained that four more acres of grass will be mowed at the airport in 2016 as impervious surface is removed and replaced with grass.

Cummings requested additional footnotes in the airport operations program budget denoting decreased revenues and expenditures related to the runway closures during runway construction.

Motion: Whittow moved, Kolb second, to approve the 2016 public works operating budget. Motion carried 4-1

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(Cummings voted no).

Future Agenda Item

Update on Intersection of Grandview Boulevard and Golf Road (Kwik Trip)

Executive Committee Report of September 28 and September 14, 2015

Swan reported that at the September 28, 2015 meeting the committee considered sale values of county-owned foreclosed properties, approved the UW-Extension budget and heard a report on the Wisconsin Counties Association Annual Conference. At the September 14, 2015 meeting, the committee reviewed capital projects and approved an ordinance.

Motion: Cummings moved, Hammitt second, to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary